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Application of: Leblanc

For: A Pipe or the Like, A Female End Ring, and a Method of Manufacturing such a Pipe or the Like

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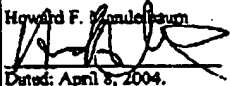
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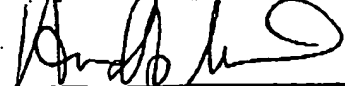
## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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